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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57 of the First Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to honor Kira Virginia Duke, 1999 Valedictorian
of Gordonsville High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Kira Duke is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class at Gordonsville High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Kira Duke has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Kira Duke has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, during her high school career Kira has been a member of numerous academic clubs, including the Gordonsville High School Beta Club and National Beta Club for three years, the Science and Math Clubs for two years and the Spanish Club for two years; and

WHEREAS, Kira has also received various honors and recognition for her academic accomplishments, including three years of participating in the Tennessee Tech Math Competition and being chosen "Most Studious" by her senior class. She was recently chosen by the State Board of Education as a member of the Tennessee Honors Program; and

WHEREAS, Kira Duke's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, she is a well-rounded individual and has been a member of the Tigerette Basketball team for two years and has participated in AAU basketball for three years. Kira is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the G-Club; and

WHEREAS, Kira Duke's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, William and Barbara Duke, her grandmothers, Virginia Maggart and Irene Langford, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kira has evinced her devout faith as a member of the Maggart Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Kira Duke's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 1999 Gordonsville High School Valedictorian, Kira Virginia Duke, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.